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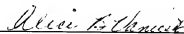
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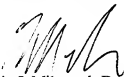
Dear Sir:

The above-identified application was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Receiving Office on September 11, 2006. To date, the applicants' undersigned attorney has not received the invitation to file the missing parts. However, in view of the time lapse since the filing of the application, applicants herein submit the following:

1. Powers of Attorney signed by the inventors of the subject application; and
2. Declaration signed by the inventors of the subject application.

The small entity surcharge fee for the late submission of the Declaration and Powers of Attorney was paid with the filing of the subject application on September 11, 2006. Accordingly, it is believed that no fees are due with this submission; however, please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

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